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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventors: Zucherman, et al.

Appl. No.: 09/978,386

Confirm. No.: 4255

Filed: October 16, 2001

Title: CURVED DILATOR AND METHOD

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: V. Bui

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Michael L. Robbins, Reg. No. 54,774

Signature Date: April 9, 2004

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted with this communication in connection with the above-identified application are the following:

A Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004.

The fee associated with this communication has been calculated as shown below:

No fee is required with this communication.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.

A fee for extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 filed within _____ month(s) after the original time for response of \$____ is due.

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A fee for addition of claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 is due as follows:

FEES	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate Small Entity/Other Than Small Entity	Total
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	<u>10</u> * -	<u>46</u> **	<u>0</u>	X \$ 9.00 X \$ 18.00	\$ -0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	<u>2</u> * -	<u>7</u> ***	<u>0</u>	X \$ 43.00 X \$ 86.00	\$ -0-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$145.00 + \$290.00	\$
				TOTAL	\$ -0-

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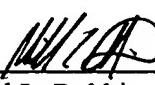
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Respectfully submitted,

Date: 4/9/04

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RESPONSE C TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This RESPONSE C is in reply to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004.

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Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: